

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD  
DARIEN CONNECTICUT  
MAY 19, 2009  
MINUTES

ARB#9-2009

Vlasios Papadopoulos Owner Salon Vlas  
833 Boston Post Road  
*Proposing one front wall sign*

Owner proposed a 60" x 18" sign of painted MDF with painted, applied, ¾" thick MDF letters in Arial narrow font. The sign will be painted ivory and espresso brown. The largest letter will not exceed 9". The panel to the right of the proposed sign will be painted either ivory or espresso at the owner's discretion.  
Approved.

ARB#10-2009

Dr. Jose Ultimate Solutions Wellness Facility  
694 Boston Post Road  
*Proposing a new hanging sign*

As the sign proposed did not conform to signage regulations, the Board suggested that Dr. Jose eliminate the two signs with the Drs.' names from the hanging sign and post them to the building façade. It was suggested that the hanging sign would be more pleasing if it were 3' x 2' rather than the 45" x 19" proposed. The sign will be have a blue background with white carved letters and will hang from a black wrought iron bracket on a white post.

Approved as modified. A revised design drawing will be submitted for final review by Staff and the Chair.

ARB#11-2009

333 West Avenue Associates, LLC  
*8 dwellings proposed at 333 West Avenue*

Wilder Gleason presented the proposed plan along with principals of the West Avenue Associates and their architect. Their intention is to build 8 detached dwellings that are diversified in appearance and reflect the architecture of the area in which they are to be built. The dwellings will share a common property and can be called what is commonly referred to as cluster homes. Three styles of building were presented: gambrel, colonial and Victorian. Every effort will be made to make the

homes individual through the use of approved siding materials, trims, roof treatments, and color choice. Although the front of the three dwellings on West Avenue do not face the street, it was a conscious decision of the developers to have a door face the street. Attention focused on the landscaping of the development and it was suggested that the proposed 30" continuous stonewall and pillars along West Avenue be broken up with breaks in the wall and perhaps plantings, fencing and gates to give a more individual appearance to the homes.

It was also suggested that as all the houses have columns, they should not all be round. It was agreed that the columns on the colonial style be square.

The Board approved of the aesthetics of the development and felt that the plans met the goals of creating homes similar in style to the existing single family neighborhood and suitably diverse in architectural design.

Approved as modified.

#### Discussion regarding sign regulations.

The Board agreed that most existing sign regulations are still relevant and should remain as mandated. The areas that might be modified would be in the area of illumination (internal, LED, etc.), the allowance of logos to be proportionately larger than lettering, and a possible formula allowing wall signs to have larger letters as they are further from the street.

The Board also discussed the problem of internal illumination of storefronts which creates a "glaring" appearance to the streetscape.

Approval of minutes:

*ARB Meeting of April 21, 2009*

The minutes of the April 21, 2009 meeting were approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Hughes